



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

August 13, 2015

Brent J. Andersen, Treasurer
Massachusetts Republican Party
85 Merrimac St., Suite 400
Boston, MA 02114

Re: ADR 777 (RAD 15L-30)
Massachusetts Republican Party and Brent J. Andersen, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Andersen:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC or Commission) referred a compliance issue to the FEC's Alternative Dispute Resolution Office (ADR Office) for processing. The referral by the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) was based on a review of reports filed by Massachusetts Republican Party which reflect a possible failure to comply with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

The FEC established the ADR Program to provide an informal means for resolving matters that come before the Commission and to facilitate negotiations directly with Massachusetts Republican Party and Brent J. Andersen, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee). The ADR Program provides Respondents with an opportunity to negotiate settlement of a matter that is mutually agreeable. The negotiations occur prior to any Commission consideration of whether there is reason to believe a violation has occurred. If negotiations are successful, the resulting settlement would conclude the matter.

The Commission, in referring the matter to the ADR Office, determined that the case is eligible for processing in the ADR program. If Respondents decide to participate in the ADR Program, you must: 1) indicate in writing a willingness to have your case submitted for ADR processing; 2) agree to participate in the bilateral interest based negotiations; and 3) waive the statute of limitations while the matter is being processed under the FEC's ADR program.

The issues referred to the ADRO, and the focus of our subsequent negotiations are summarized as follows:

Summary of Case: RAD referred Massachusetts Republican Party and Brent J. Andersen, Treasurer, (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to disclose all financial activity on their 2014 12 Day Pre-General Report. The Committee filed the original report on October 23, 2014. On December 4, 2014, the Committee filed an Amended 2014 12 Day Pre-General Report disclosing additional receipts of \$150,000.

The Committee filed a Miscellaneous Electronic Submission (FEC Form 99) on April 20, 2015, indicating that the Committee discovered the omission during an internal review and immediately filed an amended report to disclose the transfer. The Committee contends the omission was due to a staff miscommunication during a period of heightened Committee activity. The Committee indicates it has reviewed and improved processes to avoid errors of this nature in the future.

If after reviewing this letter and the enclosed ADR Frequently Asked Questions, which describe the ADR program, Respondent(s) would like to participate in ADR processing, you need to affirmatively indicate that on the enclosed Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR form. **Failure to respond affirmatively within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of this letter will be taken as a notice of disinterest in the program and your case will be dropped from further consideration for ADR.** In that event, your case will be sent to the FEC's Office of General Counsel for further processing, and the likelihood that the Committee will be audited during the next election cycle will increase.

This matter has been designated as **ADR 777**. Please refer to this number in future correspondence with the FEC. If you have questions about the ADR Program, please contact the ADRO at my direct dial as indicated below

Sincerely,


Krista J. Roche
Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

Enclosures: ADR Frequently Asked Questions
Commitment to Submit to ADR & Designation of Representative/Counsel